

# Trinity Episcopal Church



## Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 25, 2026

The Rev. Rachel P. Wildman, Priest  
Julie House, Seminarian Intern

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## The Prelude

**Processional hymn: #537**

*Please stand in body and/or spirit*

*Christ for the world we sing*

## The Word of God

**The opening Acclamation** *Remain standing.*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God forever and ever.**

## The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Gloria:** Gloria ( Peruvian Gloria )

*Choir*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest

*Choir and congregation*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest

*Choir*

To God be glory for ever

*Choir and congregation*

To God be glory for ever.

*All*

Alleluia, amen, alleluia amen

(Slower)

Alleluia, a-men

## The Collect of the Day

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *Please be seated.*

### The First Reading

**Isaiah 9:1-4a**

Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 27:1, 5-13** (*Sung by the choir; Feel free to join in as the chant becomes familiar to you*)

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*

**the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \*

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*

***and to seek him in his temple.***

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*

***he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling***

***and set me high upon a rock.***

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*

***above my enemies round about me.***

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation

with sounds of great gladness; \*

***I will sing and make music to the Lord.***

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*

***have mercy on me and answer me.***

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*

***Your face, Lord, will I seek.***

12 Hide not your face from me, \*

***nor turn away your servant in displeasure.***

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*

***do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.***

### **The Second Reading**

### **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that

the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Processional: #343 (verses 1&2)**

*Shepherd of souls*

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand in body and/or spirit)*

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

### **The Prayers of the People for the Season of Epiphany**

*You may sit, stand, or kneel –whichever best supports your prayer.*

Creator God, you spoke in hope, and light came forth from the darkness. We pray for your church, our diocese, bishops, clergy and people. We also pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, that new life might spring forth in their year ahead: for Heather Belden, Haley Andrews, and Allan Gilman.

God of life, ***hear our prayer.***

Light of abundant love, be our beacon in proclaiming your love. We pray for those who have lost their way. May your light lead them back to you.

God of light, ***hear our prayer.***

Light that brings warmth; warm our hearts and hands to your service. We pray for our world. Light the way for us to serve.

God of love, ***hear our prayer.***

Glowing ember of light; fuel our passion to stand up against injustice and help us to pursue peace and reconciliation.

God of justice, ***hear our prayer.***

We pray for this land upon which we stand. We pray for the preservation of the created world, its vegetation, creatures, waters, and people.

God of restoration, ***hear our prayer.***

As the magi followed the star that led them to the Christ child, illumine our hopes before we know them and our needs before we ask. Star which blazes in glory, lead us to the Christ child, from whom our salvation comes.

God of grace, ***hear our prayer.***

Illuminator of the world, guide us to see and to meet the needs of those around us. We pray for those in need of shelter, clothing, or food. We pray for those suffering from spiritual vacancy, psychological afflictions, or physical illnesses.

We pray especially for: Dave Thompson, Jonathan Kingsbury, Brian Rowe, Lauren Rowe, Cameron Rowe, Haley Andrews, Eric Andrews, Tatiana McCorry, Maggie Sciascia, Kelly A., Scott A., Dave Tabors, Eddie Thomas, Bob Bunker, Wendy Dewire, Dorothy Dewire, Dennis Spiegel, Bill Spiegel, Judy Dobbins, Carol Hovey, Soumya and family, Susan Owens, Dianne Cass, Saundra Molinari, Wayne Marshall, Aidan Vella and family, Aspen Peterson, Journey Warren, Ammari Edwards, Christine Klecman, Christa Klecman, Bonnie Hickey, Norma Newton, Gordon Bacquelod, Addie Wahls, June Audlee, Carol Herlihy, the Murphy and Sylvester families, Salty, Deb Mullen, Jonathan Kingsbury, Samuel, Al Ceven, Carl

Pietro, Donna Holden, Judy Ceven, Katherine Tsiofas, Lillian Johnson, Linda Cohan, Lindsey Young, Mark Young, Paulette Nolan, Robbie Ceven, Torie Ceven, Kathleen Hamilton and family, Dianne Crooker, Eileen Levesque, Ginny Levesque, Mary Laurenson, Jan Haratoonian, Randy Rankins, Tom M., Bob M., Lillian M., Phyllis and Neil Furtado, Nancy Rowe, Tom McKnight, Mary Smith, Stephen Yarosh, Matthew C., Frank Martin, Donna Cote, Bill Essling, Lydia Trow, Suzanne Pelish, Allison, Chris, Leo, Laura, Tony Cataldo, Darlene Armado, Laurie Levesque, and Lori Viar.

Are there others?

God of healing, ***hear our prayer.***

Light of Christ, which could not be dimmed by earthly death. We pray for those who have gone before us to your eternal light: \_\_\_\_\_, may light perpetual shine upon them. God of resurrection, ***hear our prayer.***

Blessed are you, Loving God, our light and our salvation. You gave your Son to shine on those who live in darkness; through your Spirit you empower us to share your light with the world. May our lives bear witness to your truth and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise. ***Amen.***

### **The Confession**

Together, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the Grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory Anthem:**

*How great thou art*



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**The Presentation: #380 v3**

*Praise God*

### **The Great Thanksgiving (please stand in body and/or spirit)**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus #S130 ('S' hymns can be found in the very beginning of the blue hymnal)**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ ] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of

your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray together:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, against us.  
hallowed be thy Name, And lead us not into temptation,  
thy kingdom come, but deliver us from evil.  
thy will be done, For thine is the kingdom, and the  
on earth as it is in heaven. power,  
Give us this day our daily bread. and the glory, for ever and ever.  
And forgive us our trespasses, Amen.  
as we forgive those who trespass*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

**The Fraction Hymn: #S164** (*'S' hymns can be found at the very beginning of the blue hymnal*)

### **The Communion of God for the People of God**

*All people, regardless of faith, tradition, or age, are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Church. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply ask the priest at the altar rail. For those with ambulatory difficulty—we will come to you. Please make yourself known to an usher.*

**Communion Anthem**

*'Ours the journey'*

**Communion Hymn: #325**

*Let us break bread together on our knees*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **The Epiphany Blessing** *Remain standing.*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **The Recessional Hymn #533**

*How wondrous and great*

### **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### **The Postlude**

*We are so glad you are here today! Following this morning's service, please join us in the Parish Hall for food & fellowship.*

### **Serving in Worship**

#### **This Sunday, January 25th**

**Usher:** Nancy Martin

**Euch. Minister:** Julie House

**Lector/Intercessor:** Michael Illuzzi

**Crucifer:** Rochelle Jones

#### **Next Sunday, February 1st**

**Usher:** Bob Meunier

**Euch. Minister:** Jeff Levesque

**Lector/Intercessor:** Patty Crooker

**Crucifer:** Rochelle Jones

### **The Trinity's' Prayer Lists**

*Please keep the parishioners, loved ones, and friends listed in our Prayers of the People in your prayers throughout this week.*

If you have a name to add to the Prayer list, please drop the names in the wooden prayer box in the narthex, or contact the Parish office.

### **Announcements**

- Stoughton Annual Meeting: TODAY @ 10:20am.
- Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram and share our posts.
- Rev. Rachel's in-person office day will be Tuesdays for the next few weeks.
- Next Sunday, February 1st, 5:00-6:30pm, next newcomers "Sunday Dinner".
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 17th, 5:30pm-7:00pm (last call for pancakes at 6:45pm), \$5 suggested donation.
- Ash Wednesday, February 18th @ 7pm Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Eucharist







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